

Mr. Walsh spent over thirty years working in the Merced County Human Services Agency in various positions, which allowed him to affect a great deal of positive change throughout the city and county of Merced. Mr. Walsh has been involved in a breadth of public service organizations, playing the role of administrator and advocate for countless causes and groups throughout Merced, ranging from Parks and Recreation to drug abuse prevention programs. Mr. Walsh's decision to run for Merced City Council in 1995 would foster his long, fruitful career as an elected representative. After serving two terms on the City Council, Mr. Walsh was elected Mayor of Merced in 2001, where he served two terms before winning his election bid for a seat on the Merced County Board of Supervisors. During his time as a Councilman, Mayor, and Supervisor, Mr. Walsh's efforts to reinforce and transform the image of Merced have been immeasurably beneficial for the many people he has served. Mr. Walsh has routinely demonstrated to his colleagues and constituency that no issue is too big or small to tackle. This credence has earned Merced a litany of achievements thanks in large part to Mr. Walsh's efforts.

Although Mr. Walsh's retirement finds us with a heavy heart, there is no doubt that he will remain an active member of his community. Mr. Walsh's passion for public service runs beyond the positions that he has held, but is evidenced throughout his whole career and adult life.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the remarkable career and achievements of Mr. Hubert Walsh. His tenure in public service will be appreciated for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF ALBERT J. NADER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Albert J. Nader, who passed away on December 22, 2016, in Palm Springs, California, at the age of 84. He is survived by his wife Gemma Allen Nader, his children Page and Jason, his step-children Bridget and Sean, and six grandchildren.

Albert Nader was the son of the late Joshua Nader, an Assyrian immigrant from Iran, and Olga. He was exceedingly proud to be a native Chicagoan and of Assyrian heritage. He grew up near Wrigley Field and attended Blaine Elementary School and Lake View High School where he played baseball and basketball. He graduated from DePaul University and served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. After his service to our country, he went on to work for Sears, Montgomery Ward, and Rand McNally developing films, globes, maps, and textbooks for libraries and schools, and founded the highly successful ad agency, Nader-Lief.

In 1978, against the advice of his wife and other friends, Albert Nader took his innovative vision to help people collect videos and created Questar to produce, acquire and distribute video programs. Questar offered viewers videos covering a wide variety of topics, including nature, cooking, and history. Albert

Nader found inspiration for programs to create or distribute everywhere he went, including church and family vacations. He guided his groundbreaking vision through changing technology and today his programs are streaming online.

Albert was a force of nature, always bursting with ideas, implementing them and advancing the causes he believed in. He was a faith-filled man, a long-time supporter of Moody Church, and proud of his Assyrian heritage. Most recently, he was raising funds for Assyrians caught in the wars in Iraq and Syria. He was a man who loved his family and was devoted to his church, his community and his country. Because of all he did in living a worthy life, our country has been bettered immeasurably. Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in expressing our collective sympathy to Albert Nader's wife and family on the loss of a great and good man, Albert J. Nader.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately I was absent due to illness. However, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 24 and YEA on Roll Call No. 25.

RECOGNIZING JULIAN SCADDEN

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize a truly great citizen of Aurora, Colorado, Julian Scadden. Julian selflessly volunteers countless hours in a program known as the 'VA's Compassion Corps.' Those in the Compassion Corps spend time with veterans who have no family or friends to come visit them at VA Hospital Community Living Centers.

Julian works as a full time housekeeper at VA Hospital's Community Living Center, and then will often spend 12 or more hours sitting with veterans afterwards. To say that Julian has a strong commitment to our nation's veterans would be a vast understatement.

A veteran himself, Julian enlisted in the Army in 1967 and served in Vietnam. Today, unfortunately, Julian is the last of what were once 20 members of the 'VA Compassion Corps' volunteers in the Denver area. It is my hope that his example will inspire others to volunteer for the Compassion Corps which fills such a vital role for those military men and women who have served the United States of America.

Thanks to you Julian Scadden.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN J. BENOIT

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Riverside County Su-

pervisor John J. Benoit, who passed away in California on Monday, December 26, 2016. John served the people of Riverside County in many ways throughout his life and he will be deeply missed.

John started his career in public service at the Corona Police Department. From there, he embarked on 29 years of service with the California Highway Patrol, which culminated with his promotion to commander of the CHP's Indio Station. After serving in law enforcement, John became increasingly active in his community. He was elected to the Desert Sands School Board before being elected to the California State Assembly in 2002. John ultimately served three terms in the Assembly during which time he passed significant legislation, including "Aryanna's Law" to enhance the protection of children in daycare centers. In 2009, John was appointed to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to carry out the remaining term of his friend, Supervisor Roy Wilson, who had passed away. Throughout his life, John was a dedicated, effective and passionate advocate for the Coachella Valley and Riverside County.

As a member of the Coachella Valley community, John served in many service organizations, including as past president of both the United Way of the Desert and Indio Rotary. John was an avid pilot, who often flew himself and other legislators up to Sacramento when the Assembly was in session. John and his wife, Sheryl, were married in 1978, and later celebrated the births of their daughter, Sarah, and son, Ben.

I had the distinct privilege of knowing John for many years. I was proud to call him my friend and I will deeply miss him. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Benoit family, his friends, as well as his staff and colleagues. Although John may be gone, the many life-changing contributions he made here in Riverside County will have a lasting impact.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for roll call votes on Monday, January 9, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes 24 and 25.

HONORING RICHARD NOBLE

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and life of veteran Richard Noble of the Third Congressional District, and to express my sincerest condolences to his family and loved ones he has left behind, as well as to recognize his steadfast dedication and service to our nation.

Richard Noble was a Vietnam War Veteran who was on his way to a Veteran's Day Ceremony before a tragic accident claimed his life. Brave men like Richard have enabled us to